

SOUTH RYEGATE

Miss Irene Glynn of Boston is taking the place of Miss Elsie Unwin as telegraph operator at the railroad station. Miss Unwin having been called to Lawrence, Mass., by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Osgood P. Wheeler of Lancaster, N. H., was in town several days the first of the week, visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. P. Crowe, and her mother, Mrs. Lydia Bailey.

Mrs. Nelson A. Park has been appointed chairman of the women's committee for the town of Ryegate in the approaching campaign for the third Liberty loan. Mrs. Park was in St. Johnsbury Saturday on business connected with this work.

James McKay has secured a position as fireman on the B. & M. railroad and will return between Woodsville and Berlin, N. H., Rev. and Mrs. D. M. McKinlay went Thursday to Barnet Center to attend the funeral of a former parishioner, Mrs. Gillfillan. They remained until Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Buchanan attended the funeral of Mrs. Gillfillan at Barnet Center Thursday, returning Friday.

Mrs. L. E. McKinlay and daughter, Ruth, of Newbury, came Thursday to spend a week with Rev. and Mrs. D. M. McKinlay. Dr. McKinlay is ill with German measles and his wife and daughter came up to escape quarantine.

The fine concert given by the Florentine musicians Tuesday evening concluded the five entertainments of the lecture course. The course this winter is conceded to have been the best ever given in South Ryegate.

Mrs. Elmer Doe of Wells River and Mrs. R. J. Miller of Groton pond attended the Red Cross fair Friday.

William A. Roy was laid up last week with an attack of heart trouble.

Mrs. Etta Grapes of North Charleston is visiting her brother, O. E. Boardway, and is assisting Mrs. Boardway, who is in poor health.

Mrs. Fannie Miner of Charlestown, N. H., is keeping house for Mrs. Mabel J. Terry.

Everett Peaslee of Bath, Me., who has been assisting in Terry's store during the sale, spent several days in Boston last week on business.

Everett Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adna Terry of Fairfield, Conn., came Friday to spend some time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Terry.

There is a rumor afloat that J. F. McLean is to move into the brick block store when it is vacated by Mrs. Mabel Terry.

The barn of Hosea Page in the Line Kiln district was burned on Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. Page discovered it to be on fire when he went out to do his chores and he was able to save the livestock only. The cause of the fire is not known.

Rev. J. A. McClelland, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Framingham, Mass., has recently accepted a call to a large Presbyterian church in Quincy, Mass. Mr. McClelland has been very popular during his pastorate in Framingham. It is said that he knows more people than any other man in that town.

Since the boys have been in camp there, he has worked among them and become known to many of them. He has also worked among women prisoners in a penal institution situated in that town. He is a man of wide sympathies and possesses a broad mind, together with a pleasing personality.

Mr. McClelland has many friends in South Ryegate and vicinity, who congratulate him on this call to a larger field.

The grange gave a dance Friday evening in grange hall with music by McLeod's orchestra. The proceeds went to the Red Cross.

Teachers and pupils are enjoying a week's vacation from the village school.

Many people are suffering from severe colds. Miss Robina Laughlin is confined to her bed with the distemper.

Miss Ellen Bone returned Friday morning from a few days' visit with Miss Ruth Randall of Wells River.

Miss Elizabeth Hall went last Monday afternoon to Boston, where she spent Tuesday on school business, going on to Minneapolis, Minn., Tuesday afternoon, having spent a month in the East.

From the Red Cross sale last Friday evening it is estimated the receipts will total \$250. The figures are not quite all in, but success is assured.

HANCOCK

Azro Martin, Long-Time Resident of Here, Died in Acute Disease, Aged 92.

News has been received of the death of Azro Martin, an old resident of this place, at the home of his son, Callen, in Acuteville. Mr. Martin had always been a hard working man, of good habits, very temperate and not using tobacco in any form. He also lived simply. He always lived in town until a few years ago, when he went to live with his son. He was in the 94th year of his age. Interment was in Acuteville.

Fred Abrahams is in quarantine for smallpox.

Miss Evelyn Thayer of Randolph is a guest at D. G. Marsh's.

Leon Albee of Springfield and Harry Hubbard of Rochester were recent guests at C. C. Hubbard's.

Philip Fiske and Ralph Ritchie have enlisted in the army.

The Production of Fuel Briquets.

The output of fuel briquets in the United States in 1917 was 406,836 net tons, valued at \$2,235,888, an increase over 1916 of 111,701 tons or 38 per cent in quantity, and of 788,226, or 55 per cent, in value, again breaking the record of the previous year.

According to C. E. Leshar, of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, the demand for fuel in 1917, was so strong throughout the whole year that there was no lack of market to limit the production of the briquet manufacturers. Despite the increased cost of binders and of manufacturing, most of the plants operated to full capacity and reported a prosperous year.

Worthy the Attention of Everyone Who Would Avoid Dandruff, Itching Scalp, Gray Hairs and Baldness

"What will stop my hair coming out?" Reply: Parisian Sage is the best remedy for hair and scalp trouble; said to prevent baldness, grayness and dandruff.

"Before going to bed, I always rub a little Parisian Sage into my scalp," says a woman whose luxuriant, soft and fluffy hair is greatly admired. This stops itching scalp, keeps the hair from falling out and makes it easy to dress attractively.

Beautiful, soft, glossy, healthy hair for those who use Parisian Sage. It's inexpensive and sold by E. A. Brown & Co. and good druggists everywhere, with guarantee of satisfaction or money refunded—Adv.

OLD FOLKS NEED "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER, BOWELS

Salts, Calomel, Pills Act on Bowels Like Pepper Act in Nostrils.

Enjoy Life! Don't Stay Bilious, Sick, Headachy and Constipated.

Get a 10-cent box now. Most old people must give to the bowels some regular help, else they suffer from constipation. The condition is perfectly natural. It is just as natural as it is for old people to walk slowly. For age is never so active as youth. The muscles are less elastic. And the bowels are muscles.

So all old people need Cascarets. One might as well refuse to aid weak eyes with glasses as to neglect this gentle aid to weak bowels. The bowels must be kept active. This is important at all ages, but never so much as at fifty.

Age is not a time for harsh physics. Youth may occasionally whip the bowels into activity. But a lash can't be used every day. What the bowels of the old need is a gentle and natural tonic. One that can be constantly used without harm. The only such tonic is Cascarets, and they cost only 10 cents per box at any drug store. They work while you sleep—Adv.

BETHEL

Warren E. Preston, Aged 65, Died Suddenly of Heart Disease.

Warren E. Preston, aged 65 years, for many years a resident of this place, died suddenly of heart disease last Friday evening at the home of his son, Morton C. Preston, in Burlington, where he had lived about six years, returning here for a few weeks' visit each year. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Burlington. Later the body will be brought for interment at Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Preston was born at Westfield, Mass. He is survived by a brother, Charles Preston of this town, and a daughter, Mildred, wife of Edward Strong of Brattleboro.

Mrs. George M. Davis, with her son, Austin, of Bennington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin G. Perkins.

Arthur O. S. S. cavalry, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Come.

A large number of friends of Miss Edna Parsons, a senior at Whitcomb high school, gave her a surprise party Saturday evening at her home. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Frank R. Burnett, for several years a resident of this place, died Saturday afternoon of peritonitis at her home in Northampton, Mass. The funeral was held there to-day and the remains will be brought here to-morrow for interment at Cherry Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Burnett was Ellen Bourdeau of Barnard and they were married 36 years ago. She is survived by her husband, a son, Clarence M. Burnett of Bethlehem, Pa., and a daughter, Mrs. William Shea of Northampton. There are two brothers, John and Bert Bourdeau, and a sister, Mrs. Herbert E. Locklin of Barnard.

RANDOLPH

Miss Ethel Greene, who has been home for the last two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Greene, left on Saturday to resume her work in Albany, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bruce were summoned to Auburn, Mass., on Saturday by the critical illness of her brother.

John Osey came from Roxbury Saturday for a short stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Osey. Mr. Osey expects to be called into service soon, as he has passed the examination.

Mrs. Lewis Curtis and child came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hodgkins, and also to see her brother, Floyd Hodgkins, who is soon to be called into service, he having been accepted at an examination at Montpelier.

Miss Etta Chamberlin, a teacher in Montpelier, is passing a few days here with Mrs. O. S. Chamberlin and Miss Mary Pratt, during a short vacation from teaching.

Mrs. Charles Hulbert, who was summoned to Windsor by the illness of her foster mother, has returned home.

Miss Hazel Hodgkins of Montpelier came Saturday night to visit her brother, Floyd Hodgkins, before he leaves for the service.

H. L. Hatch has received news that his son, Henry Hatch, will be sent home from France, as soon as he is able to come, as he has not recovered from his late illness sufficiently to be able to do anything at present.

It is expected that Rev. Reuben Smith, evangelist, who has been at work with the churches in Barre, will begin services here on Tuesday evening next, and will remain for about two weeks in town in special work.

Randolph grange held its regular meeting on Saturday night with a good attendance, and after the close of the meeting maple sugar was furnished those present. The program, under the charge of Marguerite Hutchinson, was of a varied nature, there being several stunts, which were given out for solving, and judges were set to decide upon which side the fortunate ones were located. Music was also furnished, and a merry time was enjoyed.

WOODBURY

Philip Drennan was a guest of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Drennan, in East Calais Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Ida Carr was in Barre the last of the week, a guest of relatives.

Mrs. S. A. Ross is in Barre, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Albin Michaud.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt of Barre visited Mrs. Holt's sister, Mrs. George Maddock, last Monday.

Miss Myrtle Thurston of North Calais was a guest Sunday of Mrs. James Atkinson.

Albert Crawford was in Hardwick Tuesday to attend the funeral of Nell Wakefield.

Mrs. Elmore Gonyeau of Winslow was in town Saturday, calling on old friends. Miss Myrtle Thurston of North Calais was a guest Sunday of Mrs. James Atkinson.

James Atkinson returned Tuesday from his work in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mulcahy of Hardwick were business visitors in town Friday.

WEBSTERVILLE

My millinery parlors will be open for inspection March 28, with a full line of the latest spring styles. I am located in block recently purchased by W. C. Jones, opposite H. A. McAllister's store, Florence Whitcomb, East Barre.

EAST MONTPELIER CENTER

Mrs. James DeWitt of Marshfield is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danoune, and is recovering from a serious illness.

Frank Clark was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Fannie Foster, in Montpelier last week and attended the prize speaking Friday night.

Mrs. Harrison Mack is in the Barre City hospital ill from blood poisoning caused by an ulcerated tooth. She has suffered a great deal for the past two weeks or more, but is now more comfortable.

Mrs. J. R. Young, Mrs. L. W. Ribbley and Miss Lillian Simonds were all in Montpelier Wednesday for Red Cross supplies and instruction in work at headquarters.

Mrs. Edwin McKnight returned to her home in Montpelier Sunday, after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Galloway, who has been very ill, but is now able to do her work.

Thomas Harvey, who was so badly injured recently, is out and at work again, doing what he can, but is still so sore and lame it is very hard to work at all.

Earl Willard came home from Ringhamton, N. Y., last Monday night for a vacation.

Walter Clark went to Burlington Tuesday to visit his wife at the Mary Fletcher hospital, and she was so comfortable he telephoned for his son in Marshfield to come and see her Wednesday, which he did, and Mr. Clark and Arthur returned home Thursday morning from Montpelier, where they arrived the night before. More than a week has passed since the operation, and Mrs. Clark's chance to recover seems very good.

The listers were all in Montpelier Friday to attend the meeting for instruction called by State Tax Commissioner Plumley.

Sugaring has begun in earnest. Nearly all who intend to sugar have all or part of their trees tapped and sap has run well in many places, so they have boiled it.

Mrs. Arthur Mack has returned to her home in the west part of the town, after a stay of nearly three weeks at M. E. Holland's, caring for her mother, who was housekeeping for Mr. Howland.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

Notes for Week Ending March 23.

Calls at headquarters, 61; letters written, 43; farm visits made, 4; farm laborers placed, 8; miles traveled, 36; circulars mailed, 57.

Farm Labor—This week the bureau office has been active in placing men and boys on farms for the sugaring season and also for a longer time. The total of eight notices include four high school boys who have gone out for the sugaring season only. There are still some boys and young men who want places for sugaring and for the season who have applied to this office for places to work if you will but call for them through the farm bureau. We know that these are not regular experienced hands, but think that they are willing and want to help and I would recommend that you telephone in if you can use help. We will try to get it for you. We have the co-operation of the city organizations in this matter.

When it is evident from the conversation of farmers who are in the office now and then, that nearly all are planning to sow a little wheat. Many of the men are asking about the requirements as concerns tillage and seed and for that reason I take this time to make a few statements regarding the crop. In the first place, test the seed for germination. If you have not the means and knowledge at hand, just send a sample to the county agent and he will test it for you. Good seed is a vital point. Native grown seed is preferable but the native supply is small. The price is around \$5.50 per bushel. An ordinary seeding calls for about six to seven pecks to the acre. If the land is unusually rich, four to five pecks will be enough, and if the land is rather poor per acre are used. Wheat will do best on an early soil that has been broken up at least one year. Seed broken in this spring would be likely to cause a failure of the crop. Fall plowing is important. If possible pick a lot that was plowed last fall for the wheat. It will be packed better and make an earlier seed bed. If manure was used on the previous crop it is not advisable to use acid phosphate or a grain or corn mixed goods at the rate of 200 to 400 pounds per acre. Very early seeding is important. Wheat is a cool weather crop and if sowed late, in May or June, the hot weather of the last of June and July will cause a poorly filled grain. Sow the wheat first and on the earliest land. The exchange will have plenty of good seed for sale and E. W. Bailey will have a mill to grind it next fall.

F. H. Abbott, County Agent.

Board of Charities and Probation.

The board of charities and probation has issued 5 warrants for the return of parolees and probationers, has committed 6 children to the industrial school and taken one child to the New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston for diagnosis and treatment during the month. The parents of 10 children have been brought into court at the instance of the board and sentenced for cruelty and neglect. There have been 3 children placed in permanent homes and 2 children placed in temporary homes.

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THE STATE'S WORK

Summaries of February Reports of State Departments to Board of Control

Financial Summary.	
Cash balance, January 31, 1918.\$560,617.34
Receipts for February ..	453,075.27
.....	1,013,692.61
Auditor's orders paid in February	314,447.61
Cash balance, February 28, 1918	699,245.00
.....	1,013,692.61

State Institutions.

The reports of the various state institutions for the month discuss the manner in which the recommendations of the federal food administration are being followed. At the industrial school at Vermont there are regularly three meatless days a week and some weeks they have four meatless days. As substitutes for meat, fish is used on two days, vegetables the third day and occasionally macaroni on the fourth day. For two weeks previous to the 50-50 order and ever since, the school has been using the other cereals in substitution for wheat to the extent of 50%. For one whole week corn bread was the only bread served. The use of sugar has been curtailed so that only about two-thirds of the amount formerly used is now being consumed.

At the state hospital the consumption of wheat flour has been reduced to about 50% of what it was before the use of substitutes was commenced. To quote the report of the superintendent: "The National Food Administration has asked for bread containing 20% cereals other than wheat. We have found in our experiments that using ordinary white hominy feed we can use as high as 25% and still get a very satisfactory bread. This bread is palatable, of good texture and nutritious." The consumption of wheat flour is also reduced by the use of oat products, graham, rye flour, corn meal and buckwheat flour. There has been a saving in sugar of 1600 pounds a month.

At the school for feeble-minded at Brandon the children have been having 13 wheatless and 17 meatless meals a week, which is compensated by the much more extensive use of milk of which the institution has a large quantity. The consumption of sugar has been reduced to two pounds per person per month.

The problem of conservation at the state prison and house of correction is particularly difficult as there the most of the inmates are performing manual labor, and thus require plenty of substantial food. At the state prison in bread making 65% of white flour is used. For breakfast and supper other breads than wheat bread are used so that the consumption of white flour is not over 50% of the normal consumption in the past. During the last three months the average consumption of sugar for 200 persons has been 384 pounds of granulated and 134 pounds of brown sugar per month, an average of 2 1/2 pounds per person per month of brown and granulated combined.

For some time bread had been the main item of food at the house of correction and consequently substitution has been difficult. However since the federal order an attempt to comply with the 50-50 basis has been made although because of a shortage of cereals for the substitutes the percentage has not been exactly reached as yet. Sugar has been practically eliminated from the diet of the inmates.

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